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[0:00] Amen. There are those of our body who are struggling physically and otherwise.

! And just on a personal note, those of you who don't know, Sherry's sister went home to the Lord last week. So, seventh. And, yes, yes. And her husband is. Our prayer now is that Ron is encouraged in the Lord and remembers.

Because when you walk through dark times, sometimes it's hard to see or remember what you know to be true when it's easy. And that's why we rehearse what we know to be true when things aren't so bad.

Because there are dark days coming for most everybody. Nevertheless, Candy is fully whole now, but there's a hole left with the family.

And our prayer now is that Ron be encouraged in the Lord and that children and grandchildren see the hope that is in us as Christians who we grieve but not as those who have no hope.

[1:40] And I pray when I grieve that there's enough hope that people ask, why is there hope in you? Because we want our nieces and grandnieces and we want them to be with the Lord.

And Candy wanted them to be with the Lord. And Ron wants them to be with the Lord. So, that's our prayer right now. And safe travel for us.

We intend to leave this afternoon for Virginia to be with Ron for a couple days. How old was she? 16 years. It's interesting. My youngest grandson is five.

My mom passed away. But he talks about her all the time. And it's always about Jesus. And so it's amazing, you know, what impact that they have.

Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Last week, where did we stop?

[2:46] We're traveling with Israel. Where are we? We were at the wells of Marah. What was wrong with that water?

It was bitter. It was unpalatable. So, I did the obvious thing. I thanked the Lord for his provision, right?

Right. Yeah. Right. I complained. Now, it's been approximately three days, give or take something. Well, it's been at least three days. Maybe a little longer, but not much. Since I saw the Egyptians lying on the shore. I just walked through the Red Sea dry shot.

And in three days, I'm complaining. And I know, of course, that had I been there, I wouldn't have done that, right?

[3:53] Right. So, God's actually showing them how much they need the Lord.

And he's certainly showing me how much I need the Lord. Because Peter will say in the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15, Peter will say, the law, I know we haven't got to the law quite yet, but he says the law was a yoke that neither we nor our forefathers could bear.

Now, I also read and know for a fact that the law is righteous and good and holy and given by whom? By God.

But the Apostle Paul will go on to say in the revelation of the mystery that God gives him, the Apostle Paul will go on to say that the law couldn't do it.

And the law was never given to provide righteousness. It was given to provide a tutor to lead me to Christ, to grace.

[5:15] And so, here we are, and I'm complaining. Now, God shows Moses to do what?

Yeah. Yeah. Pick up this tree and throw it in the well. And what happens? The water's drinkable now.

We can use the water. This is at the end of chapter 15. Now, verse 26.

We're coming to the end there. God gives a conditional promise. And what is that promise? If you listen to me and not just hear it, but heed.

And do what is right, what? Right. Here's the condition. Listen, if you do this, then I will not add to you any of the diseases that I put on the Egyptians.

[6:38] Now, so now they're leaving. And in verse 27, we come to Elam or Elam or however that is to be pronounced.

And what do we find there? Yeah. Yeah. It's a nice oasis. Now, there are 12 wells of water, 12 springs, and a bunch of palms.

This is quite a bit nicer. And they camp there by the water. Now, we don't know for how long, but we're going to find out approximately how long.

We pick up roots then. Verse, chapter 16 now. And we leave Elam. Where do we go? Yeah.

The wilderness of sin. I'm sure there's a play on words in there somewhere, right?

[8:01] But when? The 15th day of the second month after we've left Egypt.

So we were at Marah for a little while. And we come to sin. Or Elam, I mean.

And then we have come now. And now we've left Egypt a couple months ago. Two and a half months ago, approximately. All right?

Now, what do we do there? Here we go again, isn't it?

I'm murmuring again. Now, this one's pretty specific. What am I saying? I'm hungry.

[9:08] I'm hungry. I don't say it that gently. What do I say? Why didn't we just die in Egypt?

I wish God had killed us in Egypt. At least there I would have died happy and full. Okay.

And now he says, or we say as a people, what? Not only do I wish we had died in Egypt where we were sitting by the flesh pots and had all the bread we could eat.

But you have done what? You've brought us out here to starve us to death. Contrast that with 2 Corinthians where the Apostle Paul is talking to the Corinthian church in the letter.

And he's telling them about being an apostle. And he says, I was floating in the sea for days.

[10:27] Several times I floated in the sea. I've been hungry. Without food. I've been without clothing. I've been beaten with rods several times.

I've been stoned. There was no woe is me. In fact, it is that verse. It is upon that section that we come to a verse that we very often put in.

Oh. On posters and things. Where he says, I have learned that no matter what state I find myself, therewith I am content.

I have learned how to be content. And then he says, I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.

Now, you probably haven't, but I've heard that mispreached a number of times. That's not the context of that verse to say, no matter what I put my hand to, God's going to prosper it.

[11:41] If I have enough faith, God's going to prosper it because I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. That's not the context of the verse.

The context of the verse is, I can learn contentment. I can do, I can learn contentment in any situation in life because God strengthens me.

That's why I personally want to practice what I know to be true when it's easy. Because when it gets hard, it's harder to see.

But is God any less faithful when it's hard than he is when it's easy? See, the children of Israel are saying, as long as God's doing what I want him to do for me, I'm okay.

I'm okay with the Lord. But boy, as soon as I get some hardship, I'm complaining. Amen. We have that backwards, don't we?

[12:51] If we're that way. You know someone, by the way, who may not blast it out, sometimes they do, but I prayed for thus and so to happen.

But God didn't give it to me. Therefore, I don't believe in God. That's kind of backwards because that's not what God, God's not the trick pony in the circus.

And it's irreligious, impious to treat him that way.

In fact, he's going to teach Israel some lessons along the way. You know that. Okay. So, I'm hungry. Wish God had killed me back there in Egypt.

Which I don't really mean, by the way. Do I? Because what was I saying when I saw the Egyptians coming? Yeah.

[14:04] Oh, no. You brought us out here to have us killed. You notice how the blame always runs back to God.

So, what does God say to Moses about this? Okay.

He says, I'm going to rain for them bread every day from heaven. All right. Now, he also gives them some instruction or through Moses.

What does he tell Moses? Okay, right here he says, every day you'll go out and gather.

And what's going to happen? Right. And he says, on the sixth day, they're going to wind up gathering twice as much.

[15:21] So, for five days, I'm to gather an omer per person. Well, if you read on, you'll see that in your next verses.

And according to the number that's in your household. So, you gather that much. And then he says, but on the sixth day, when you come in with it, you're going to have twice as much as you had before.

All right. Now. And by the way, I'm to prepare that on the sixth day.

This is, he's going to tell us why. Now, what did Moses and Aaron say to the people? In the evening, what?

What? You'll know that the Lord has brought you out. And in the morning, you'll see the glory of the Lord for...

[16:54] Okay, so, what I'm to learn from this is that I need to grumble so that God will bless me, right? That's pretty far-fetched.

Because it's not the grumbling he's honoring. He's honoring his name. What is he going to do for them? So that you will know that I'm the Lord.

Now, by the way, when he said that to Israel, it was a lot gentler than when he said that to Egypt. Because he said the same thing to Egypt.

Egypt will know that I'm the Lord. There will be times to time in the wilderness when they will see the glory of the Lord and it won't be beneficial to some of them.

Right. Right. God is holy and he is to be revered. He's not the same as me.

[18:00] And so, he's going... But here, he's being very gracious with Israel and he says, I'm going to feed you. So, in the evening, you're going to know that I am the Lord that brought you out of Egypt.

And in the morning, you will see the glory of the Lord. Okay, now. What's God going to do? What's God going to do? What's God going to do?

Yes. Verse 8. In the evening, he's going to give you what?

Meat. Flesh to eat. And in the morning? Bread. Bread. Bread to the full.

You're going to have plenty. Now. And then Moses reminds them. Your murmuring is not against me.

[19:09] It's against the Lord. By the way. The attacks are not against the church.

They're against God. Now. Make no mistake. The attacks harm the church. But the attacks are not against the church in this day of grace.

Just because we're the church. No matter what is said. Ultimately, any attack upon what God says, whether it's scriptural or the people of God, any attack upon that is an attack upon God.

So. That's what Moses would tell them. Now. They're actually murmuring against the Lord. God shows them something here right now.

What does he show them? What does he show them? What does he show them? What does he show them? What does he show them? What does he show them?

[20:34] Okay. They gathered the people. Look out there toward the wilderness, past the camp. And what do I see?

The glory of the Lord appeared in the. In the cloud. Now. God's still following or leading them with the cloud.

They look out. They see the cloud. And the cloud begins to. Glow in somehow. This. This is a manifestation of God's presence.

Visible to them. All right. So. They see the glory of the Lord in the cloud. Now. By the way.

In verse four. He says that I'm going to give them this. That I may. I'm going to give them the bread. To see if they. If whether or not they will. Obey me.

[21:45] Did God not know? What does God not know? What if I haven't done it yet?

Yeah. David will say in the Psalms that you know my down sitting. My uprising. Before I have a word on my mouth. You know it. You know it all. I don't have to think it.

You already know it. In fact. You knew it. Before I was conceived. The apostle Paul. Now we know he encountered the risen Christ on his.

When Paul was heading for Damascus. To a. To a meeting of the believing Jews. Right? No. That's not what he was going there for. What was he going for? To kill him. Or arrest him. And send him back to Jerusalem. He wasn't going for a tent meeting.

[22:55] But the Lord intervened didn't he? And later on the apostle Paul is going to say. That God set him apart from his mother's womb.

To be the apostle. Of the grace of God to the Gentiles. God's plan is working out. Even when it gets rough for me.

I'm thankful for that. So. Here they are. In. In the wilderness. We've seen the glory of God. There. Now. He reiterates something that he has said before. And will say again. It's a recurring thing. It has been recurring. Since he stopped Moses. At the burning bush. And he says. Regularly.

[23:59] So that you will know. Or they will know. Or that Egypt will know. That I. Am. The Lord. He proves himself.

Now. By the way. In this day of grace. Is the time. I like what Peter says. Today is the day. Of salvation.

Believe on it. While. Grace is offered. Because there is coming a day. When every knee. Is going to acknowledge this.

That Jesus Christ. Is. Lord. To the glory of God the Father. Yes. And he.

He has that. He says. Our salvation. Is. And his long suffering. And the plan of salvation. Is for God's.

[25:07] Glory. Somehow. All this works out. At the culmination of time. When God. Jesus Christ. Will lead. The church. As it were. When. When Rome. Conquered. A peoples. They would bring. Captives.

That were going to be slaves. They'd bring captives. And lead them in a procession. Through the town. Into the town. On the Apian Way. Through the.

Through Rome. As. As a sign of their glory. That's the picture. That God paints. For the church. That. We will be led. If you will.

As a procession. Of God's glory. And his grace. Before angelic beings. That's pretty amazing. That's pretty amazing.

[26:01] That's amazing grace. And by the way. I'm glad. That the Lord. Allowed me. To be born now. Instead of then. Because he chose out Israel.

As his people. But he didn't make provision. He said. For the rest. Of the world. When he judged. As a.

I think as a picture. Of ultimate judgment. He judged the world. In the flood. He chose eight persons. Of all the persons.

In the world. He chose eight. Noah found grace. In the eyes. Of the Lord. He and his household. Were saved. Through the ark. He had issues.

I'm glad I don't. Okay. So. What happens. The next morning. We're at verse 13 now.

[27:07] Okay. That evening. Okay. So. A couple of quails came. What?

Yeah. They were all over the place. Now. We don't see them like we used to. When we were boys. And. When you used to go out.

And mow hay. You'd see a cubby. Flying out. Of the windrows. And all that kind of stuff. But. That's not what he's describing.

Because they always fly away from you. These quails flew into the camp. Settled around the camp. So that they could catch them easily.

Okay. The quail covered the camp. And in the morning. What? The quail. The quail. Okay. Dew lay about.

[28:09] And when the dew had evaporated. There it was.

Now. Describe it. Well.

As. Yeah. It was a size. It says. Of hoar frost. You know. Small. It was round. And it was lying about everywhere.

That was what they were together. Correct. All right. Now. What did Israel call it? Yeah.

Well. Yeah. Manna. And that's. That's the Hebrew word for. What. What is this? You know.

[29:11] They didn't have a name. They didn't know what it was. But they picked it up. Because that's what God had told them to do. Now. They were restricted as to this gathering.

Let's. Let's see about that gathering. What's he say about it? You gather what you need for the day. And then when we bring it into the camp. And. Measure it out. What do I find? Right.

He who gathered more. Didn't have too much. He who gathered little. Didn't have too much. Does that ring a bell to you. That you've heard. The apostle Paul will use that in second Corinthians. Chapter eight. He's talking to the Corinthian church there about giving. And. You know. And he says. Okay. Since you've abounded.

[30:30] In the other graces. Abound in this one also. And he talks about giving. And he quotes this. For the church. He doesn't quote it as a promise to me.

That. No matter what. I'm going to be prosperous. If I give. You. Who has heard. You cannot out give the Lord. Okay.

Now. That is true. That's obviously true. But I've heard it quoted. As a promise.

That if you are generous. With your giving. You're going to be generously prospered. Especially if you send it to me.

But. That's not what it's for. What he's. What he's saying is. It's. It's like manna. And. Hey. I just want to encourage you to. Prosper in your giving.

[31:39] But here. It says that. Some gathered more. Some gathered less. What other rule. Were they to abide by.

You are not to keep that overnight. Those who tried to do so. What happened. Yep. It got wormy. Or maggots in it. And. And it stunk. Right away. All right.

So. That didn't work. Did it? Now. Why did it work on the sixth day? All right.

So what? Okay. Primarily.

[32:42] Because God told them not to do it. Right? God had set that aside. Back in Genesis chapter 2.

Is the first time we get any hint of it. And God blessed the seventh day. And hallowed it. Now.

We do not get about the Sabbath until here. And we won't hear about it again. Until the giving of the law at Sinai. However. The principle is.

That God had told them. Gather on six days. The sixth day I'm going to double your. Your increase. And then.

You're going to. Not go out on the seventh. Those who went out on the seventh day. What did they find? It wasn't there.

[33:43] Now. What's the difference. Between the seventh day. And the sixth day. Or the other six days. God made it different.

See. It's. There's no. Necessarily. Naturalistic. Explanation. It's God decided this. And God made it that way. So for six days.

The dew appears. Leaves behind manna. On the sixth day. We go out and gather. And. Lo and behold. We've gathered twice as much.

But God said. It's okay. You prepare it. And it'll be okay. And it was okay. On the seventh day. Now. If I gathered twice as much.

On the third day. And tried to save it over. It stank. And it got wormy. This is God's work.

[34:43] In his plan. Part of his plan. Is. He's going to. Tell them. Set aside this effort. Don't work. And so in preparation.

For that. He's. Teaching them now. Yeah. He's teaching. It will be. In preparation.

That. That's true. He hasn't given the law yet. Regarding the Sabbath. But that will yet come. But here. He does give them this rule.

Regarding the seventh day. Now. Incidentally. And we won't get. Deeply into it. But. But you'll remind yourself. There were several Sabbaths.

That Israel. Was to. Was to follow. They were to follow. A Sabbath of years. On the land.

[35:40] They were to sow the land for. Six years. And the seventh year. Let it. Let it lie. Follow. And that. That seventh year.

Was for the poor. And for the stranger. And for the wild animals. Now that took some. That took some faith.

And. Obedience. Didn't it? Now they didn't follow that. By the way. Then they had. A Sabbath of tens. For slaves.

Not the foreign slaves. But the Israeli slaves. So if you. If you bought. A slave. From. Usually you do it. From a father. But. Some. Some persons. Would sell themselves. Into slavery. And. This goes. To the law.

[36 : 41] If you bought. A slave. The price. Of the slave. You were to negotiate. According to how many years. It was. To the year. Of Jubilee. Which was the 70th.

Year. But on the 70th. Year. What happened? All. Every. Everything went free. Your Israelite slaves. Went off. They were not.

Your slaves. Any longer. And. Or. That's what it was supposed to be. And. By the way. The land. That you had. Purchased from.

This family. Went back to them. Their heritage. Well. They didn't keep that. They didn't keep that. But. That was in the law. There were several Sabbaths. That were to be kept. Back to our point now. The rulers.

[37 : 42] Came to Moses. With some tails. Verse 22. What was it? What was it? We did.

But. But. That was because. Some people had gone out. And gathered too much. And the rulers. Came and talked to Moses. About it. All right.

They came and told Moses. Hey. These guys are out there. Gathering. Or trying to gather. On the Sabbath day. Now. Or.

No. They were gathering it on the sixth. They were gathering twice as much on the sixth day. I'm sorry. And Moses. Then will instruct them. Or remind them. That tomorrow.

Is the holy Sabbath. To the Lord. And bake what you. Get today. And keep it over. And it will keep fine. Now.

[39 : 04] Verse 29. Verse 29. Verse 29. Reminded me of something. Somebody read verse 29.

So I remember it please. God has given you. The Sabbath.

Right. Let no man go out of his place on the Sabbath day. Mark chapter 2. It's a Sabbath day.

Jesus and the disciples are walking through the grain field. What do the disciples do? Okay. Now you're remembering.

Right. They pull some. Some heads of grain. Chafe it off. And they're eating grain. On the Sabbath. Sabbath. But they're.

[40 : 08] They're threshing. With their hands. So what do the. What do the Pharisees do? They come to Jesus.

And they say. Why are your disciples doing. What's it not lawful. On the Sabbath day. Because God did tell them. Don't work on the Sabbath. What's.

And Jesus reminds them. Hey. Haven't you. Haven't you read. How David went to Abathar. The priests. And he ate the show bread.

Which was not lawful. Only the priests were allowed to eat the show bread. And David wasn't a priest. Neither were those 600 guys with him.

But he ate the show bread. Because that was the only food. He was running from Saul at the time. And then. He will make a statement there in Mark. And he will say.

[41 : 06] Man was not created for. The Sabbath. But the Sabbath. No. What? Right.

Okay. I got them. Reversed. Ordered. Man. Was not made for the Sabbath.

The Sabbath was made for man. I was just reminded of that. In verse 29. Where he says. God has given you. The Sabbath. And it's holy.

To God. Now. We're stopping. So the people rested on the seventh day.

Verse 30. We will pick up. Because. We want to get. Going with what they're going to do. With an omer of manna. And.

[42 : 05] That's pretty important to us. Have a wonderful week. God bless you this week. Amen.